(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A High Level Committee set up by the Government under the chairmanship of Dr. M. D. Athreya for recommending the most appropriate organisational structure for management of telecom services in the country has submitted its report in April 1991. The report is being studied and processed by the Government for taking appropriate decisions on the various recommendations.

Indian prisoners languishing in different jails in Pakistan

629. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the exact number of Indian prisoners who are languishing in different jails in Pakistan at present; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Pakistan Government; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to available information, 990 Indian prisoners are believed to be in different jails in Pakistan.

(b) We take up all cases of Indian prisoners with Pakistani authorities whenever they are brought to our notice. As a result of our sustained efforts, 37 Indian prisoners were released and repatriated on 15-7-91. Efforts to secure the release of other Indian prisoners continue.

Electronic fare meters for auto rickshaws and taxis in Delhi

630. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the use of electronic fare meters compulsory for the auto rickshaws and taxis in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to implement such a proposal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The use of electronic fare meter has been made compulsory for Autorickshaws and Taxis in Delhi under the proposed draft Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. The objections have been received in this regard from the various unions. These are under examination by the Transport Department of the Delhi Administration. If found feasible the proposal will be implemented as soon as the objections are examined and rules are finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up some electronic exchanges in the country

631. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Electronic Exchanges have been set up during 1990 and upto June, 1991 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State and Union-Teritory-wise;

(c) whether these exchanges have been helpful in releasing telephone connections from waiting list;

(d) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and State Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether these exchanges have also improved the working; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of House.